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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
15 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

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17 CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION FOR
INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS;
18 CALIFORNIANS FOR DISABILITY
RIGHTS, INC.; and MARIAN GRAY,
19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 CITY OF OAKLAND, et al.,

22 Defendants.

23 Case No. C 07-04608 EDL

24 Hearing

Date: July 29, 2008

Time:

Location:

Judge: Laporte

25 **JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT
STATEMENT**

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3 **1. Jurisdiction and Service**

4 This court has jurisdiction over this matter under the laws of the United States, as
5 provided in 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and, further, as it arises out of an Act of Congress known as 29
6 U.S.C. § 1446. All defendants have been served with this action.
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8 **2. Facts**

9 Plaintiffs filed a complaint in August 2007 alleging that Defendant City of Oakland is not
10 prepared to meet the unique needs of people with disabilities during an emergency. Oakland
11 maintains a disaster preparedness plan administered through its Office of Emergency Services
12 (OES). OES plans for mass evacuation, temporary shelter needs, recovery animal care and
13 special needs populations. Plaintiffs contend that potential shelter facilities are physically
14 inaccessible (multiple levels with no elevators, no Braille signage, doorways that are too narrow,
15 or restrooms and/or showers that are completely inaccessible to wheelchair users), and that
16 Oakland's policies, procedures, and plans for people with disabilities are inadequate or non-
17 existent. Plaintiffs also allege that the City lacks comprehensive information about the
18 accessibility of potential shelter sites and thus that it cannot provide accessible sheltering options
19 to people with disabilities or provide equal access to its shelter services. The City denies these
20 contentions.

21 **3. Legal Issues**

22 Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") prohibits a public entity from
23 excluding a person with a disability from participating in, or denying the benefits of, the goods,
24 services, programs and activities of the entity or otherwise discriminating against a person on the
25 basis of disability. 42 U.S.C. § 12132. Plaintiffs argue that by failing to plan to meet the mass
26 care and shelter needs of people with disabilities, Defendants have excluded them from
27 participation in, denied them the benefits of, and discriminated against them in its mass care and
28 shelter program and services in violation of this statute. Plaintiffs also argue that Defendants

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2 have violated (a) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 29 U.S.C. § 794, which prohibits
3 discrimination against people with disabilities by recipients of federal funding; (b) California
4 Civil Code § 54, *et seq.*, by denying Plaintiffs full and equal access to and use and enjoyment of
5 emergency shelter facilities and services due to the acts and omissions alleged herein; and (c)
6 California Government Code § 11135 and the regulations promulgated thereunder, which
7 prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities by any program or activity funded by the
State.

8 Defendants deny these allegations. Defendants contend that plaintiffs lack standing and
9 that their claims are not ripe.

10 **4. Motions**

11 No motions are currently pending.

12 **5. Amendment of Pleadings**

13 Neither party currently plans to amend the pleadings.

14 **6. Evidence Preservation**

15 Both parties have taken steps to preserve evidence reasonably relevant to the issues
16 reasonably evident in this action.

17 **7. Disclosures**

18 The parties have stipulated, and the Court ordered on November 17, 2007, that the parties
19 be relieved of the requirements imposed by Federal Rule 26(f), including the initial disclosure
20 requirements.

21 **8. Discovery**

22 Waived by stipulation and so ordered, see (7) above.

23 **9. Class Actions**

24 Not applicable.

25 **10. Related Cases**

26 None.

27 **11. Relief**

1 Plaintiffs pray for relief as follows: (a) A declaration that Defendants' failure to
2 adequately plan to meet the emergency mass care and shelter needs of people with disabilities
3 violates the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, California
4 Civil Code § 54, *et seq.*, and California Government Code § 11135, *et seq.*; (b) An order and
5 judgment enjoining Defendants from violating the above, and requiring Defendants to
6 comprehensively survey the accessibility of all potential shelter sites and develop and implement
7 a mass care and shelter plan that addresses the emergency needs of people with disabilities; (c)
8 Plaintiffs' reasonable attorneys' fees and costs; and (d) Such other and further relief as the Court
9 deems just and proper.

10 **12. Settlement and ADR**

11 The Parties are optimistic about the possibility of settlement. Pursuant to the Court's
12 Order, Magistrate Judge James Larson is presiding over the settlement process.

13 Although the Parties have progressed in their negotiations since the last settlement
14 conference, the process is moving too slowly to reach a definitive final agreement at the next
15 session. Due to circumstances beyond either Parties' control, the settlement process was
16 temporarily stalled, but should now be accelerating. The Parties continue to make progress with
17 our efforts at settlement, and we believe that continued settlement discussions under the
18 supervision of a Magistrate Judge is the best course at this time.

19 **13. Consent to Magistrate Judge for All Purposes**

20 The parties have consented to have a Magistrate Judge conduct all further proceedings
21 including trial and entry of judgment.

22 **14. Other references**

23 Not applicable.

24 **15. Narrowing of Issues**

25 None necessary at this time.

26 **16. Expedited Schedule**

27 Not applicable.

28 **17. Scheduling**

1 The parties suggest that this be deferred until a future case management conference.

2 **18. Trial**

3 Bench trial, since Plaintiffs seek equitable relief and not damages.

4 **19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons**

5 None known to the parties.

6 **20. Other**

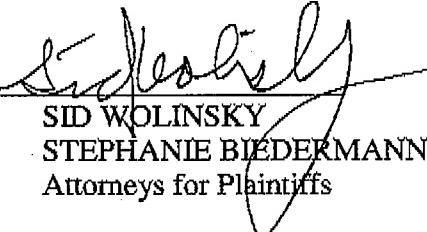
7 The parties believe that continued settlement discussions under the supervision of a
8 Magistrate Judge is the best course at this time.

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10 Dated: July 22, 2008

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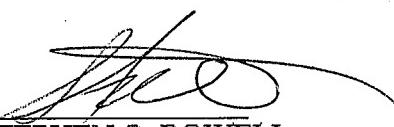
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